

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST FOR ESB 199

Citations Affected: IC 20-5-4-1.7; IC 20-5-64.

Synopsis: School retirement and severance plans. Provides that if a school corporation: (1) establishes after June 30, 2001, a retirement or severance plan that will require the school corporation to pay post-retirement or severance benefits to employees of the school corporation; or (2) after June 30, 2001, enters into any agreement or contract provisions that will increase the benefit or the unfunded liability under any retirement or severance provisions; the school corporation must actuarially fund the post-retirement or severance benefits or the increase in the benefits or unfunded liability. Authorizes school corporations to issue bonds to implement solutions to contractual retirement or severance liability as it existed on June 30, 2001. Provides that those school corporations may issue bonds for this purpose only one time and that the bonds must be issued before December 31, 2003. Requires a reduction in property tax levies for the school's capital projects fund, transportation fund, or art association and historical society funds to offset the debt service levy needed. (This conference committee report: (1) deletes the provision allowing school corporations an excessive levy for increased health insurance costs; (2) deletes the provisions authorizing school corporations to impose a local option income tax for education; (3) deletes the provisions authorizing school corporations to establish a health insurance and retirement benefit fund and property tax levy; and (4) specifies that the bonds issued to implement solutions to contractual retirement or severance liability are not subject to the petition and remonstrance process.)

Effective: July 1, 2001; December 31, 2003.

Adopted

Rejected

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the Senate upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 199 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.
- 2 Delete pages 2 through 6.
- 3 Page 7, delete lines 1 through 28.
- 4 Page 8, line 4, delete "1998." and insert "**2001.**".
- 5 Page 8, between lines 21 and 22, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 6 "**(e) Bonds issued under this section are not subject to the petition**
- 7 **and remonstrance process under IC 6-1.1-20.**".
- 8 Page 9, delete lines 8 through 42.
- 9 Page 10, delete lines 1 through 26.
- 10 Page 10, delete lines 41 through 42.
- 11 Delete page 11.
- 12 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
(Reference is to ESB 199 as printed March 30, 2001.)

Conference Committee Report
on
Engrossed Senate Bill 199

Signed by:

Senator Kenley
Chairperson

Representative Tincher

Senator Alexa

Representative Buell

Senate Conferees

House Conferees